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**REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT M. BULLARD**  
**Regarding Miami-Dade's 2009 National Reading Results**

**MIAMI, FL** - I would like to congratulate the students, teachers, and staff of Miami-Dade County Public Schools for achieving excellence in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress's Trial Urban District Assessment project.

As an educator, I appreciate the hard work and long hours required to reach such goals.

Our fourth graders and eighth graders performed above average when compared to other large cities. They also matched the overall performance of their national counterparts, becoming one of only two large city school districts to either match or exceed the national reading average in eighth grade, and one of only five to do so in the fourth grade.

This could not have been accomplished without the support of parents, the dedication of the instructional and non-instructional staff, and the leadership provided by school site administrators and Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and the district school board's members.

The results show that we well on the road to building a brighter future for our great state.

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